Docket No.   241227US0SRD DIV

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Minako HIJIKATA, et al.   GAU:

SERIAL NO:NEW APPLICATION   EXAMINER:

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FOR: CARRIER FOR GENE DETECTION AND ITS USE FOR DETECTING VALIDITY OF INTERFERON
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REQUEST FOR PRIORITY

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SIR:

■ Full benefit of the filing date of U.S. Application Serial Number 09/813,031, filed March 21, 2001, now allowed, is
   claimed pursuant to the provisions of **35 U.S.C. §120**.

☐ Full benefit of the filing date(s) of U.S. Provisional Application(s) is claimed pursuant to the provisions of **35 U.S.C.
   §119(e)**:   **Application No.**   **Date Filed**

■ Applicants claim any right to priority from any earlier filed applications to which they may be entitled pursuant to
   the provisions of **35 U.S.C. §119**, as noted below.

In the matter of the above-identified application for patent, notice is hereby given that the applicants claim as priority:

COUNTRY	**APPLICATION NUMBER**	**MONTH/DAY/YEAR**
Japan	2000-080955	March 22, 2000
Japan	2001-062372	March 6, 2001

Certified copies of the corresponding Convention Application(s)

   ☐ are submitted herewith

   ☐ will be submitted prior to payment of the Final Fee

   ■ were filed in prior application Serial No. 09/813,031 filed March 21, 2001, now allowed.

   ☐ were submitted to the International Bureau in PCT Application Number
      Receipt of the certified copies by the International Bureau in a timely manner under PCT Rule 17.1(a) has been
      acknowledged as evidenced by the attached PCT/IB/304.

   ☐ (A) Application Serial No.(s) were filed in prior application Serial No.   filed   ; and

   ☐ (B) Application Serial No.(s)

      ☐ are submitted herewith

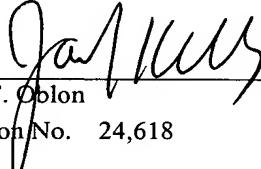   ☐ will be submitted prior to payment of the Final Fee

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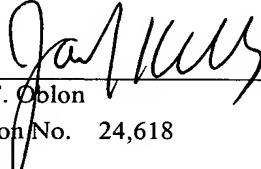OBLON, SPIVAK, McCLELLAND,
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